



MEMBER BENEFITS

- Receive newsletters and notices about upcoming events, classes and workshops
- Discounts on certain exhibits and workshops
- Access to our Arts Library
- Enjoy camaraderie of Guild Artists
- Attend special member only events
- Free Open Studio (see schedule for days)
- All members are eligible to apply as a Display Artist and exhibit their artwork for sale at the VAC (see Artists Benefits below)

DISPLAYING ARTIST BENEFITS

In addition to the member benefits above, our Display Artists get the following added benefits:

- Display your artwork for sale
- Display business cards at the VAC
- Free Artist Profile on the Guild website
- Link your website to the Guild website
- Opportunity to be featured in the VAC gallery window and the website
- Special opportunities in the community to partner with businesses to display artwork
- Artwork featured on the Guild Facebook page
- Artwork able to be listed on the Guild Online Store

FRIEND OF THE ARTS

- Receive newsletters and notices about upcoming events, classes and workshops
- Access to our Arts Library
- Attend special preview events and receptions
- Donations are tax deductible

ART CENTER GUIDELINES

You must be a member of the Artists Guild to exhibit and sell in the VAC (Visual Arts Center).

The application to exhibit and sell in the VAC is a three step process:

1. Complete the attached application and submit 3-5 photos of your current work. You may email digital pictures to rcvartg@gmail.com. Reference your application and size of the work in your email. DO NOT bring in your work until the application process is complete and accepted.
2. The application is juried by the VAC Committee at which time you may be asked to bring in samples of your work for review.
3. Once juried you will be contacted for an appointment to bring in your work and sign a contract with VAC for exhibiting and selling your work.

The VAC Review Committee meets at least once a quarter to review applications and welcome new artists. You will receive a confirmation once your application is received with the date of the next review. If you have questions you can contact the VAC Committee by email at rcvartg@gmail.com or by calling the VAC at (828) 288-5009. Artist FAQs and guidelines for displaying 2-D and 3-D art can be found on the website at www.ArtattheVAC.com.



RUTHERFORD COUNTY VISUAL Artists Guild

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

www.ArtattheVAC.com

rcvartg@gmail.com

828-288-5009

160 N. Main Street - Rutherfordton, NC



ABOUT THE GUILD

The Rutherford County Visual Artists Guild (RCVAG) is a non-profit organization made up of artists, crafters and volunteers with a passion for growing the art community. Anyone with an interest in art can join and we welcome both artists and non-artists to be a part of the Guild. By joining you will become a supporter of the vibrant and growing arts community in Rutherford County.

The RCVAG opened the VAC (Visual Arts Center) on Main Street in Rutherfordton in 2009. The VAC provides a gallery for local arts and crafts, a gift shop, and open art studios. The VAC also offers a wide variety of workshops and classes for all ages and abilities. Our biggest annual event is Celebration of the Arts.

We are always looking for new members and artists and encourage you to join the Guild and help us spread our love, appreciation and passion for art to others in the community. All types of mediums are displayed in our gallery store including canvas art, jewelry, pottery, photography, woodworking and many more. Stop in today to learn more or fill out the attached application to become a member!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To become a Member of the Guild, show your support for the arts, or become a displaying artist, fill out the following application and either drop it by the Visual Arts Center at 160 N. Main St. in Rutherfordton or mail it to us at RCVAG at PO Box 2015, Rutherfordton, NC 28139. Make checks payable to RCVAG.

Please print all information for legibility.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website (Artists): _____

Preferred Method of contact for communications: *(circle one)* Email or Regular Mail

Membership Details:

___ Non-displaying Individual Member \$30-as a volunteer or \$40+ as a Friend of the Arts without volunteering

___ Displaying Artists \$40-as a volunteer or \$60-with no volunteering

(If you are interested in displaying your work, check here and select your medium below. There is a \$10 jury fee for new artists that is applied to your membership dues after jurying. See additional info included for more details or visit the website at www.ArtattheVAC.com.)

I work in the following mediums: *(check all that apply)*

___ Oil ___ Acrylic ___ Watercolor ___ Photography ___ Pastel ___ Wood ___ Glass ___ Pottery

___ Fiber Arts ___ Jewelry ___ Metal ___ Collage/Mixed Media ___ Drawing ___ Sculpture

___ Other *(please specify)*

___ Friend of the Arts additional sponsor levels: ___ Patron \$125 ___ Supporter \$250 ___ Benefactor \$500+ (Tax deductible contributions) Patron, Supporter and Benefactor come with one additional household family member. Please list name of family member _____. RCVAG is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The Guild does not have any salaried employees and depends solely on member volunteers to keep the Guild running and growing. Please check any areas in which you would like to participate: *(check all that apply)*

___ Teaching Classes/Workshops ___ Fund Raising ___ Events/Exhibits ___ Computer Support

___ Marketing/Web/Social Media ___ Design of Event Posters ___ Youth Education/Outreach

___ VAC Clerk ___ VAC Housekeeping ___ Celebration of the Arts *(our largest annual event)*

___ Donation of items such as paper goods, art supplies, cleaning supplies, artwork, etc.